THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) A meeting of upper Yamuna Review Committee was convened by the Central Government on 12-4-06 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of water Resoures which was attended by Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Rajasthan, Haryana, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Hon'ble Ministers/representatives of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal. The construction of three storage projects namely Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar Vyasi in the Upper reaches of river Yamuna which are planned to improve the water and power situation in Upper Yamuna Basin States including NCT of Delhi was discussed as an agenda item in the meeting.

(b) Yes, Madam. A Steering Committee comprising the Secreatries to the Ministries of Power, Water Resources and Environment and Forests from the Central Government and Irrigation/Water Resources Secretaries from the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, & NCT of Delhi was constituted as decided in the meeting of Upper Yamuna Review Committee held on 12-4-06.

(c) The Steering Committee in its meeting held on 29-9-2006 has desired that Renuka Dam project should be implemented expeditiously by the State of Himachal Pradesh. The Government of Uttaranchal informed the Committee of their decision in principle to entrust the Kishau dam Project to Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC), which is looking into the different technical and cost aspects of the project to proceed further. On a revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Lakhwar Vyasi Project submitted by National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC), Comments of certain specialised Directorates of Central Water Commission have been forwarded to NHPC for compliance. During the meeting of the Steering Committee the implementation of various activities related to the projects was reviewed for expediting the projects.

Polavaram dam across Godavari river

2253. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has given any information of dispiacement and evacuation of people and villages and towns below Polavaram Dam;

(b) if so, the specific information given on definite and potential displacement and evacuation of villages and hamlets below the proposed Polavaram Dam across Godavari river;

(c) the number of people below Polavaram Dam who will have to be evacuated or evicted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that there will be no displacement and evacuation of people and villages and towns below Polavaram Dam.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Protection of irrigation dams

2254. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the security steps taken by the State Governments to protect irrigation dams in the country;

(b) whether any reports are obtained from the State Governments in this regard;

(c) whether any technical expertise is provided by the Central Government to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Central Government in coordination with the State Government has been continuously engaged in assessing the security steps taken to protect irrigation dams in the country.

(b) The States have been providing information on the steps being taken.

(c) and (d) The Central Government Security Agencies undertake periodical security audit of dams and suggest measures to enhance the